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OUR STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN AGAIN; SAME OLD W. R. FETZER OF THE NOBLE CASE, TOO

One of the strangest things in Chicago is the way the state's attorney's office works its wonders to perform.

Last Monday, Mrs. Lavenzia Damon, 3844 Ellis street, had her husband, E. W. Damon, arrested after he had beaten and choked her.

Mrs. Damon then told her story, which is as follows:

She was married to Damon last June 14. Since that time, Damon has not worked. Mrs. Damon ran a rooming house, and thus made enough money to buy bread and butter with.

On two occasions she was forced to borrow money in order to get her husband out of trouble, once when he passed a bad check, and once when he omitted to turn in commissions he collected for Swift & Co.

Then she was taken ill, and was forced to go to the hospital, where an operation was performed.

When she returned from the hospital she found her husband in possession of the rooming house and making all the collections from the roomers.

When she objected to his doing

this, Damon turned upon her and beat her and choked her.

The police were so impressed by Mrs. Damon's story that they turned the case over to the state's attorney that Damon might be prosecuted for wife abandonment.

The case was called before Judge Gemmill in the Court of Domestic Relations today. Assistant State's Attorney W. R. Fetzer appeared to "prosecute" Damon.

This is that same Fetzer who was ordered to prosecute Carlotta Noble's seduction case against Columbus ("Jack") Cuneo, and who instead prosecuted Carlotta Noble's mother.

Apparently this is a habit of Fetzer's, because it is just in line with what he did in the court of Domestic Relations today.

Fetzer did not call Damon to the stand and question him about beating up his wife, nor about his refusal to support his wife, nor about his wife supporting him.

Instead Fetzer put Mrs. Damon on the stand and began a grueling inquisition of her as to her borrowing money from a man